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I am an engineer who uses personal computers at work and at home. I am continually frustrated by the rotten operating systems and application software put out by Microsoft. They are a monopoly and have no reason whatsoever to make good software at reasonable prices. There is simply no competition in operating systems for personal computers.

As part of the settlement, Microsoft should be forced to release all information about their application programming interface (API) all at once and in full. That way, competitors could write both operating systems and application software to compete with Microsoft.

Competition is finally working in the personal computer hardware market, where Intel and AMD are fiercely battling to put out more and more powerful computer chips, at lower and lower prices. This is competition truly at work.

The same thing should be done for operating systems. Please see the article posted on Salon magazine for more details:
http://www.salon.com/tech/col/rose/2002/01/16/competition/index.html.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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